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Mayor Marcia Leclerc tours Dr. Thomas O'Connell School with Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Kid Governor Elena Tipton [WITH MEDIA]

(March 18, 2016) **East Hartford, CT** – Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc toured Dr. Thomas S. O'Connell elementary school with Governor Dannel P. Malloy and state Education Commissioner Diana Wentzell. They were there to visit with Connecticut's first Kid Governor, Elena Tipton, who is a fifth grade student at the school.

Kid Governor Tipton gave Governor Malloy and Mayor Leclerc a tour of the school, talked about her kindness campaign and showcased the work she and her classmates have been doing to encourage kindness among their peers. They visited with Elena's class and the school's student leadership team, where they answered questions and gave autographs.

"It was great to be with Governor Malloy as he met with Elena Tipton and learned about her campaign of kindness," said Mayor Leclerc. "She is now partnering with schools around the state and her campaign is really taking off. I am proud of the work she is doing and proud that we could have such a great student from East Hartford as Connecticut's First Kid Governor."

Kid Governor Tipton was elected by several hundred participating fifth grade students in November 2015 and took office in January of 2016. The Kid Governor will serve a one year term and participate in various events supporting her campaign platform. The Connecticut Kid Governor program is hosted by Connecticut's Old State House. Mayor Marcia Leclerc recently raised money to renovate and update the Kid Governor's office at the Old State House as part of the East Hartford Mayor's Charity Ball.

[See attached photos from Event]

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